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Idaho Fruit Estimates for 2009

Idaho's 2009 apple production is estimated at 50 million pounds, down 41 percent from 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Apple value of utilized production is estimated at \$11.8 million, down 37 percent from 2008, but up 33 percent from 2007. Peach production totaled 9,200 tons, up 15 percent from 2008. Peach utilized production totaled 8,300 tons, up 880 tons from 2008. Peach value of utilized production is estimated at \$7.28 million, up 44 percent from 2008, but down 8 percent from 2007. Sweet cherry production is estimated at 6,000 tons, up 216 percent from 2008. Utilized production is estimated at 2,700 tons, up 50 percent from 2008. A substantial portion of the sweet cherry crop was either unharvested or was harvested but not sold. Sweet cherry value of utilized production is estimated at \$2.98 million, down 47 percent from 2008 and down 5 percent from 2007. Prune and plum production in 2009 is estimated at 2,000 tons, down 9 percent from 2008. Prune and plum value of utilized production is estimated at \$991,000, down 22 percent from 2008 and down 19 percent from 2007.

Nationally, utilized apple production for 2009 is estimated at 9.74 billion pounds, slightly up from 2008. Utilized production in Washington decreased 3 percent to 5.50 billion pounds from 2008. Utilized peach production for 2009 is estimated at 1.08 million tons, down 3 percent from both the previous year and 2007. The California crop, accounting for 75 percent of the U.S. utilized peach production, is down 5 percent from 2008. Sweet cherry production increased 73 percent from a year ago to 248,060 tons. Utilized sweet cherry production increased 56 percent from a year ago to 375,625 tons. Utilized prune and plum production in Idaho, Oregon, Michigan, and Washington totaled 17,900 tons, up 16 percent from last year.

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